

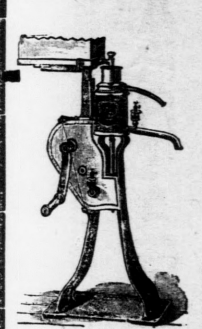
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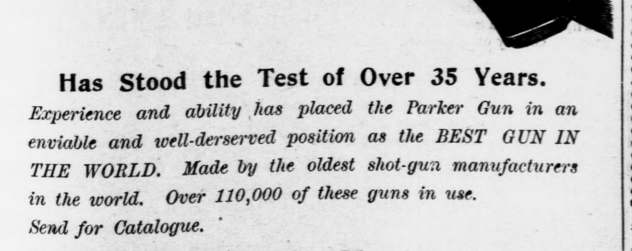
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, May 4th, 1903.

OTHER happenings in Washington have caused more stir during the past week than the published utterance of Mr. O. P. Austin. Chief of the Treasury Bureau of statistics. He says that he has carefully analyzed the prosperity conditions and indications and finds that every evidence points toward not only a continuance of present prosperous times but a substantial increase in the proper if conditions are left undisturbed. With the knowledge that the Bureau of Statistics is concerned only in giving out facts and figures which bear on the products, commerce and finances of the country, your correspondent called on Mr. Austin and found that he had not been in any way misquoted. It must be remembered that he is an expert who has made a study of conditions with their bearing on the welfare of the country, and that his conclusions are based on the most careful calculations. "If I were the only one who had studied the question, to arrive at these conclusions," he said, "I might feel that there was chance for slight doubt as to the exceedingly rosy prospects. But when I find that Secretary Wilson, through careful studies of crops and markets, makes the same deductions. I am doubly sure that we are not tottering on the crest of a wave of prosperity before a plunge into the gulch of calamity, as some croakers are trying to make the country believe. On the contrary everything points to our being simply on the rise of a long, smooth ground-swell which will carry us to an era of good times of which the present is only the dawn." He admitted that disturbing conditions might arise, but said that his calculations to be complete had to take cognizance of the possibilities and even with everything considered he felt that his predictions of a long period of good times was a safe one. It may be added that the American people have a reputation for knowing and holding to a good thing when they have it.

That prosperous conditions will be continued is assured by the interviews which your correspondent has obtained from prominent men from all states of the Union, who have visited Washington during the spring months. The results of his observations on the prospects of the next national election are that out of a total of 239 electoral votes necessary for a choice, the Democratic party with a "solid South," including Maryland and Delaware, which are extreme concessions, and giving them control of New York and New Jersey, an even greater concession, can count on only 213 votes. Republicans, without Roosevelt's own state and the others mentioned above, are assured of 243 votes. This leaves California, with 10 votes in the doubtful column, and does not make predictions on Wyoming, and other Western states, though the recent demonstrations in favor of Roosevelt in the West indicate that the Democrats have but little hope in that quarter. Predictions are not arguments by any means, but after a careful canvass, I present the foregoing figures for what they are worth. They are at least conservative.

During the past week General Miles' state report on conditions in the Philippines appeared and attracted momentary attention, and when found to contain nothing new or of any great significance, comment which collapsed like a pricked toy balloon. The arguments of the bureau chiefs, who had conducted more thorough investigations than were possible by the town-to-town tour of the General, made the latter's report quite rapid. It will be recalled that General Miles was allowed to go to the Philippines by the War Department as a sop to his assurance that he could at once get at the base of troubles and put an end to disaffections, which existed for the most part in the minds of the opposition to the administration. Their cause, instead of being strengthened by Miles' report, has fallen decidedly flat since he has nothing to offer which has not been thoroughly investigated before.

There is no "quiet" course of leniency and suppression being carried on the Postoffice Department investigation, but the whole situation is being gone over thoroughly, disclosing irregularities which have existed for a long time. Mr. Roosevelt is too thorough a reformer to permit the pursuit of rogues with felt slippers, and their handling with silk gloves, even if Postmaster General Payne were himself inclined to keep things under cover, which he is not. Dismissals have followed the finding of clerks on "labors" rolls in defiance of the Civil Service rules and favored "labors" have been given the alternative of busting mail sacks and scrubbing windows, or leaving the service. The misdeeds involving higher officials have been the subject of a long conference between the postmaster General and Secretary Root, who left immediately after the conference for St. Louis where he presented the facts to the President in order that the latter might be acquainted with the steps taken, and advise the best course to thoroughly purge the service of existing evils. It can be stated definitely that the return of the President will bring forth even greater activity than has been already shown.

BEGGED HUSBAND TO KILL HER Mrs. William M. Miner, wife of a well-known merchant at Masten's Corner, Kent County, tried to cut her throat on Saturday. Mrs. Miner has been an invalid for three years. While her daughter was out of the room the deed was committed. The daughter found her mother almost covered with blood, and rushed frantically for her father. As soon as his wife saw him she begged him to cut a deeper gash in her throat to end her suffering. A razor was found secreted in the room. It is believed that Mrs. Miner will recover.

A BLOODY RACE RIOT

Colored Man Killed and Several Were Injured

WAS CALLED FROM HIS BED

A bloody race riot was averted at Bridgeville Monday night by the prompt action of Colonel Heald. John Griffith, who, as deputy sheriff, killed William Polk, one of the worst negro desperadoes of the Peninsula, at Bridgeville three months ago, resigned to go with Sun Brothers' circus. Monday night the show performed at Bridgeville, and as soon as the hundreds of negroes learned of Griffith's presence plans were made to murder him.

Early in the morning Griffith was called from his bed at Carter's Hotel. On reaching the street he was confronted by a mob of negroes, who made a break for him. Backing against the house, Griffith began firing into the crowd. At the first fire George Jones the leader, fell dead. Every time Griffith fired a negro fell.

Several shots were fired at Griffith. Panic-stricken, the negroes fled. Besides the dead man, Moses Hardesty and Henry Moore are perhaps fatally wounded, while several others are more or less injured. It is not thought Griffith's injuries are serious. His escape seems a miracle. Griffith served as a volunteer during the Spanish war.

Principal Conventions to be Held in Various Portions of the United States for Which Special Rates will be in Effect via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. BALTIMORE, MD.—20th Triennial National Saengerfest of the Northeastern Saengerbund, June 15-20. Tickets on sale June 13th to 15th, good returning until June 22nd, inclusive.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, July 21-23. Tickets on sale July 19th and 20th, good returning until July 25th, inclusive.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 21-26. Tickets on sale September 19th, 20th and 21st, good returning until September 28th inclusive.

BOSTON, MASS.—National Educational Association, July 6-10. Tickets on sale July 3d to 6th, good returning until July 12th, inclusive.

DENVER, COLO.—Christian Endeavor Society, July 9-13. Dates of sale announced later.

DETROIT, MICH.—Epworth League, International Convention, July 16-19. Tickets on sale July 14th and 15th, good returning until July 20th, inclusive.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., May 21 and 22nd. Tickets on sale May 2d and 11th to 17th, good returning until July 15th, inclusive.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Dedication Ceremonies Louisiana Purchase Exposition, April 30-May 2d. Tickets on sale April 26th to 29th, good returning until May 4th, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—National Association Master Plumbers of U. S. A., May 19-22. Tickets on sale May 2d and 11th to 17th, good returning until July 15th, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Grand Army of the Republic, August 17-22. Tickets on sale August 4th to 13th, good returning until October 15th.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Mystic Shrine, July 7-10. Tickets on sale July 6th and 7th, good returning until July 20th, inclusive.

LAST OF THE SEASON

THREE-DAY TOUR TO WASHINGTON

The last Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to Washington of the present season leaves Thursday, May 14. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer of passenger and baggage, station to hotel in Washington, \$14.50 from New York, \$13.00 from Trenton, \$11.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandy, Ridge, Elbert, Shoreham, Cochran, Gordon, Barton, or Hamilton Hotels. For accommodations at Regent, Metropolitan, National, or Colonial Hotels, \$2.50 less. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupons. For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 263 Fifth Avenue, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

LOCAL OPTION

At midnight Thursday the license law, which has been in force in Cecil County, Md., for the past four and six months expired, and the Local Option Prohibitory law ratified by the voters of Cecil County at the election held in November last went into effect. For several weeks past hotel proprietors have been preparing for the inevitable, and in some instances only the bars were kept open. The new law strictly prohibits anyone from selling, directly or indirectly, or soliciting or receiving orders for the purchase of any place within the limits of the county, or giving away any intoxicating or fermented liquors, or intoxicating drinks of any kind, or cider, toddy, beer, lager beer, gin or schnapple, or any article used or sold as a beverage in the composition of which whisky, brandy, high wines or alcohol or any spirituous or fermented liquors shall be an ingredient. The law further provides that only a regular practicing physician of the county can obtain liquor from a druggist.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

Hats Beautiful; New Tailor-made Gowns; Silks; Parasols.

In view of an extraordinary size, hats are in lightest possible material and on such airy-like expanses, loose bouquets are thrown carelessly as if by accident, very low crowns, not interfering with such lovely pictorial effects. Nothing seemingly artificial interferes and one might imagine the work done by an aerial passerby. Garlands show more of human handiwork and cunning bestowal of ribbon that simulates a floral completion, while exceedingly pretty, give evidence of a milliner's work-room. As a consequence, moreover, of wide extending brims, small dainty blossoms often nestle beside the face, but must correspond with similar adornment on the outside. In sharp contrast, however, are hats showing long quill feathers stuck in aggressively and very long ostrich feathers laid in precise manner from back to front, where the soft adornment peers over, are high style or again, the last named addition may curl over with fine result, on one side.



A handsome costume is in Wooltex, with long coat, triple skirt and stole front; petticoat, a Sorosis in mercerized satin. A Bolero costume with triple yoke, is in very rich Mohair Sicillienne, a material in great demand, because the English dyes in Bradford make newer and higher finish than ever before. The neck is low and the front trimmed with pearl buttons. The front is in the new French Curve emphasized by the Rosalind waist adjuster, an admirable contrivance which attached to the corset holds it comfortably and firmly at the desired point. The belts of the skirt, petticoat and waist, are kept in place without wrinkling, thus obviating the annoying fulness consequent on the superposing of several different garments. A third gown is in light-weight Worrald-Ed English velvet, has the curve front and the new extended skirt back, produced by a strip of featherbone running to a foot above the bottom. Here a triple line of featherbone holds the skirt gracefully in position. The girdles of both costumes are made on the girdle featherbone form, which is elastic and pliable, and they are now reckoned as essential by first class dressmakers as featherbone stock collars. The coiffures are all low, and this brings about the use of silk hair nets that are really a necessity.

An exhibition of Tailor-made gowns at Lord & Taylor's gives evidence of the favor shown to coats and other gowns display blouses belted in. Mixed cloth is very fashionable and delightful tailor gowns for warm weather, are in canvas, voile and other semi-draped goods. Such fabrics often show the new feature of shirring, but the lining below is tight fitting, so that close outlines may be preserved in some measure. In silks, great favor is shown to Pongees embossed in dots, or large spots and gunmetal Pongee is a novelty. Louisines in checks are very stylish either for waists or entire dresses.

Parasols are newly finished by narrow black velvet laid in rows running up and down on the edges, or again, the parasol may be bound with black velvet and display chenille dottings on the silk. Hem, stitching in a single row is a very popular finish, and gives so modest a touch of adornment that conservative, and the gay as well, will find it attractive. Otherwise there is the usual complement of quilt plain parasols or fancy patterned silk ones, while for watering places chiffon in ruffles at the edge, or placed on silk, will be a leading style.

LUCY CARTER.

REDUCED RATES TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

On account of the meeting of the Master Plumbers' Association, at San Francisco, Cal., May 19 to 22, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco or Los Angeles, May 11 to 17, inclusive, good to return until July 15, from all stations on its lines, at reduced rates. These tickets must be validated for return passage, for which the usual fee of fifty cents will be charged. For further particulars concerning rates, routes, and conditions of tickets consult ticket agents.

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THEY WANT GOOD ROADS

Delegation From Middletown and Odessa Before the Levy Court

TRUSTEES WANT OLD JAIL

There was another delegation before the Levy Court Tuesday morning asking for improvements to roads. It was composed of prominent citizens from Middletown and Odessa and they asked that one-third of the money appropriated by the recent Legislature be spent on the road from Middletown to Odessa.

A. P. Corbit was spokesman for the delegation. Others of the party who spoke on the subject to the court were Daniel Corbit, Frederick Brady, George Townsend and Dr. Green.

Cornelius J. Horrigan who was recently appointed road commissioner for New Castle County, was present and was called on by the court to give his opinion on the matter of improving roads. Mr. Horrigan stated that he thought it would be best to spend all the appropriation on one road, as it could be done cheaper than improving a section of several roads.

A. P. Corbit said that by putting it all in one stretch it would make a large number of people antagonistic towards the good roads bill. He thought the bill wanted friends and not enemies.

Wants Market House Exempt. Walter H. Hayes, stated to the court that suit had been entered by Receiver of Taxes Rettew against the Wilmington Market House Company for 1898 taxes. Mr. Hayes said that the company leases the market house from the city and that in four or five years when the lease expires it will be the property of the city. For this reason he thought the company should not be compelled to pay the taxes. The matter was referred to the court's attorney.

Trustees Want Old Jail. John H. Rodney presented the following communication from the Trustees of Market square, New Castle:

"The undersigned having learned that Samuel A. McDaniel, late sheriff, upon his removal from New Castle, surrendered possession of the jail and sheriff's house to your body in this way make formal demand for the same. "The Legislature of the State of Delaware, by act of the Assembly passed February 20th, 1883, Volume 17th, page 240, vested the said premises in us as trustees for the benefit of the inhabitants of New Castle, when ever the same should cease to be used for public purposes. This demand is made under and in accordance with the provisions of law."

Richard G. Cooper, J. Henry Rogers, George Gray, John H. Rodney.

INTERCHANGEABLE 1000-MILE REFUND TICKETS

Commencing June 1st, 1903, interchangeable 1000-Mile Refund Tickets will be placed on sale, limited to one year from date of issue, good only for transportation of the owner, with usual allowance of 150 pounds baggage, over any of the following lines:—

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Erie Railroad. (East of and including Jamestown and Suspension Bridge.)

Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

These tickets will be sold at rate of \$30.00 each, subject to refund of \$10.00 on surrender of cover to Trunk Lines Mileage Ticket Bureau, No. 143 Liberty Street, New York, at any time within eighteen months from date of purchase.

This form of ticket will be issued in deference to requests of numerous patrons of the lines in interest desiring one ticket good over several lines instead of having to provide themselves as at present with a separate ticket for each line they desire to use.

Agents at principal stations of the railroads named above will have these tickets on sale and give all further information regarding them that may be required.

A REAL CIRCUS

Barnum & Bailey Will Soon be Here With the Greatest Show on Earth. Extraordinary interest has been aroused by the announcement that the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth is to exhibit in Wilmington, Del., May 16th, and this locality will be represented by a notably large delegation of circus-goers.

As already announced, this will be the first opportunity to see the big show since its return from Europe, but apart from this fact, the magnitude and high character of America's leading amusement institution are sufficient to create a genuine and irresistible demand for it all over the country. The best scenic features of the European circuses have been lavishly provided for the present tour, while the spectacular displays surpass in beauty and brilliancy the most fantastic flights of the imagination. A gorgeously costumed ballet, startling aerial feats, in seemingly endless variety; intertidal, thrilling displays of horsemanship, wonderful exhibitions of trained animal intelligence, a complete traveling zoo, a congress of freaks, and a glorious, patriotic display of the famous fighting ships of the United States Navy are among the surpassing features of this colossal amusement institution. The Barnum & Bailey tents are lighted with electricity; every detail of the show has a coupon, and every seat is provided with a foot rest. These are things unknown with other shows. A magnificent free street parade inaugurates the circus engagement. Local ticket agents can give information regarding low rates and special excursion trains.

DELAWARE NOTES

The price of milk at New Castle dropped from 8 to 6 cents per quart.

Wilmington and West Chester will soon be connected with a trolley line.

Newark's new military company was mustered into service Monday evening by Lieutenant Colonel Charles M. Stevenson.

Rev. John France has been elected president of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Association.

Bishop Leighton Coleman, of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday on Sunday.

Nathaniel Van Horn, William Wright, Jr., and Edward Phillips have been elected Town Commissioners of Townsend.

J. B. Roberts, clerk of the Wilmington Department of Elections has brought suit for \$250, which he claims the city owes him for back salary.

Fifteen prisoners of Georgetown jail attempted to get out by sawing the iron bars, but their noise aroused the Sheriff, who prevented the delivery.

Governor Hunn has appointed Thomas R. Steele, of Baltimore hundred, to be Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for Sussex County, resident at Millville.

A writer on the New York Sun, in a thorough discussion of presidential timber-in-the-Democratic party, sets forth that Judge George Gray is the strongest man the Democrats can nominate.

Warden and Mrs. A. S. Meserve, of the New Castle County Workhouse, and Alfred Crozier, of Wilmington, will attend the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at Atlanta, Ga., on May 6th.

The people of Rehoboth are hoping that the granting of a liquor license to the Hotel Henlopen will put an end to the existence of speakeasies that are said to have been numerous at Rehoboth heretofore.

A large local company is looking for a suitable location and it is said to have centered on Delaware as a desirable place for the new industry. The plant will be a large one and will require about 20 acres of ground.

Edward W. Eagle, of New Castle, mortician of the New Castle & Delaware City trolley line, who was injured and thought to have been killed in the wreck near Delaware City last week, is able to resume his duties.

The commencement of the Wilmington Conference Academy will be held on Wednesday, June 10th. Commencement week will begin on Sunday, June 7th, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in Wesley M. E. Church.

It is said Governor Hunn will not appoint the two commissioners of public highways for Kent and Sussex counties until he sees what the Levy Courts of these two counties are going to do in the matter of public highway improvement.

Big catches of trout have been made in the bay near Waterloo this week by Lewis fisherman. Ja. a. s. Prettyman caught five hundred pounds in one haul, which is almost unprecedented for this time of the year. The fish are of good size and bring fair prices.

MARYLAND NOTES

Louis Chamberlain was appointed post master at Kingston Monday.

Dealers in Elkton have reduced the price of milk from 7 to 6 cents per quart.

A new hotel has been erected at Tolchester Beach, the well-known summer resort on the Chesapeake Bay.

Captain J. Dixon West, of Cecil County has invented an instrument which is claimed will locate minerals in the earth.

The Ericson Steamboat Company is contemplating the erection of a dancing pavilion on its pier at Betterton, to cost \$2500.

The Howard House, at Elkton, has been leased by J. Frank Henry, of Elkton, from the heirs of the late Dr. H. H. Mitchell.

At the election Monday for Commissioners of Eastern to succeed Thomas H. Jenkins, Edward B. Hardcastle was elected by 135 plurality.

William H. Hohn, Treasurer of Cecil County, has placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection delinquent taxes to the amount of about \$6000.

For the larceny of 24 cents worth of corn William Brown, colored, a local preacher of Kent County, was convicted and sentenced to ten days in jail.

The graduating class of North East High School is as follows: Misses Eva Bacon, Ethel Biddle, Emily Moore, Jesse McCartney, Minnie Costlett, Emma Thompson and Raynor Garey.

Charleston, on the North East River, in Cecil County, is fast becoming a summer resort of some note for Philadelphians, who have erected some handsome summer residences there.

The annual election for Town Commissioners and Town Bailiff of Chesapeake City Monday brought out an unprecedented vote and resulted in the reelection of the present Commissioners by an overwhelming majority. N. A. Van Buskirk, for Bailiff, was also re-elected.

The following are the dates for holding county fairs in Maryland this year: Potomac City, August 11-14; Eastern, August 18-20; Rockville, August 18-21; Tolchester, August 25-28; Bel Air, August 25-28; Timonium, September 1-5; Marlboro, September 29-October 13-16; Frederick, October 20-23.

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GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Before the Levy Court Tuesday of this week, there were two delegations asking for the improvement of the roads in different parts of the county. One of these was from St. Georges and Appoquinimink Hundreds seeking an appropriation for the public road leading from Middletown to Odessa. It is to be regretted that a larger number were not present in this delegation, but the arguments advanced by the speakers evidently impressed the Levy Court. The second delegation was from Mill Creek Hundred asking for the improvement of the road leading to Yorklyn from the city of Wilmington and the speeches made were full of argument, facts and figures.

While THE TRANSCRIPT would be pleased to see the road from Odessa to the Maryland line made perfect, because we know that no road in the southern part of the county is used more or contributes more largely to the business interests of the town of Middletown, we have not seen or heard any good reason why the Levy Court should not confine itself to a plan well defined and prepared by which in a series of years, will result in one complete and continuous good road from the northern to the southern boundary line of New Castle County. On the other hand, we are more impressed that this will be best for all concerned. As we have said, this appropriation by the State is of an experimental nature and further action by the Legislature will depend entirely upon the impressions created by the expenditure of the present appropriation, and the care exercised in the placing of the experiments. Our only intent is to secure the best good to the greatest number, to accomplish which, there must be such action in 1903 and 1904 as will result in the Legislature of 1905 to greatly increase the appropriation of this year. We hope to see the State within a short time, expending at least \$100,000 in improving our highways.

The movement for good roads is rapidly growing. The citizens of New York are to vote in 1905 on an amendment to the constitution to expend five million dollars annually for ten years, Pennsylvania has appropriated six and a half millions and New Jersey is expending annually nearly a million, and other states are getting in line. It is possible that the next Congress may appropriate many millions to aid the states. There is no doubt that state or national aid or both are important for the building of roads, as this is one of the things that make for a betterment of conditions. It is of the same order that provides for state board of health, education and agriculture.

Good roads are bound to come. It is the history of all nations that after becoming great, that the people look into the improvement of their highways to make communications between different parts easier and more pleasant. In this country the conditions are ripe for such a movement. No one doubts the greatness of the nation and no one doubts the need of better roads. We have millions of miles of roads, highways and by-ways, but the proportion of really good roads is very small.

THE WILMINGTON ELECTION

The Republican First District Committee has made another effort to secure a joint or common primary election to nominate officers for the city election. A committee appointed at the meeting last Monday night waited upon the Union Republican First District Committee in session, bearing a second proposition but were met at the door by a doorkeeper who carried their message into the room, where it was "laid upon the table." Just why the committee was denied admission is not apparent, but the supposition is that there was such a small attendance of the members of the Union Republican Committee that they were ashamed to be seen. Certain it is that many members of this committee have signified their disapproval of the action forced upon the committee by Mr. Addicks, at the meeting of April 27th.

In spite of this discourteous treatment and the evident intention

of Mr. Addicks to force two Republican tickets thereby insuring the election of the Democratic ticket, the Regular Republicans have not ceased their efforts to secure Republican success. The primary election of the Republicans has been postponed until the latest possible day, and will endeavor to nominate a ticket that will appeal to the good sense of the Republican voters of the city of Wilmington, and will include at the primary all Republicans.

(Communicated.)

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., May 8th, 1903.
EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—Just prior to the town election of Middletown last spring a great many tax-payers agitated the question of electing a new Board of Town Commissioners with the view of improving the financial circumstances and making an assessment upon an equitable basis.

The assessor takes an oath that he will assess the property at what he thinks a fair valuation. He goes forth and examines each piece of property. He is not governed by the previous assessment, but puts on each piece of property what he considers to be a fair valuation. He turns his work in to the Town Commissioners and the Secretary of the Board, I am credibly informed, expressed his contempt for the assessment, and he with two others takes the liberty to revise the assessment as made by the assessor, puts some properties where they have always been and makes such other changes as he sees proper.

Now, as a tax-payer, I would like to know what is the use of a town spending \$45.00 for an assessor, and then have the Town Commissioners make the assessment, regardless of what he has done? I would also like to know by what authority they dared to change the assessment before it is revised by the assessor? Can you enlighten me on this point? If so, you will not only confer a favor upon me, but will also confer a favor upon other tax-payers.

I understand that two of the new Commissioners were given no say whatever in this matter, but that two of the old commissioners with the assistance of one of the new took this liberty; and by the way, two of those Commissioners were directly interested in lowering their own assessment, if they were not interested in raising the assessment of others.

Awaiting your advice, I am,
A TAX-PAYER.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Miss Bessie Conrey is visiting in Baltimore.

Frank Jefferson was in Philadelphia Monday.

Mr. J. P. Steele visited Wilmington last week.

Mr. Charles Baker has returned from Perryville.

Miss Mary Boulden was in Philadelphia Monday.

Mr. William Pensel was in Pocomoke City this week.

Mrs. G. S. Woolley spent Saturday and Sunday in Baltimore.

Mrs. H. V. Manlove and daughter were in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Freeman is visiting her daughter in Cecilton.

Miss Eva Wharton has been visiting her sister in Cecilton.

Miss Elsie Karsner was the guest of Elkton friends last week.

Dr. Stanley Steele, of Elkton, was a visitor in town on Friday.

Miss Fannie Ford, of Elkton, spent Sunday with her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander were visitors in Elkton on Wednesday.

Mrs. William T. Malster, of Baltimore, was the guest of her mother last week.

Mrs. M. E. Clayton, of Cecilton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Freeman.

Miss Ella Boulden visited her brother, Mr. Alonzo Boulden, at Cayots, last week.

Mrs. Catherine Loraine and Miss Emma are visiting Mrs. W. H. Jones, at Cayots.

Rev. Mr. Scuddy, of Ohio, is assisting Rev. Mr. Daschell with his extra meetings.

Mrs. James Johnson and Mr. J. Wesley Johnson were in Wilmington last week.

Messrs. Elmer and Frank Ledley, of Germantown, have been visiting Mr. William Queck.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McCullough, of Elkton, visited her father, Mr. H. H. Brady, last week.

Misses Carrie Davenport, of Philadelphia, and Myrtle Davenport, of Elkton, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. M. S. Boulden, of Warwick, is being entertained by her brother, Lambert Boulden, at Cayots.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones and Misses Effie Berry and Edith Willis were Kent County visitors last week.

Mr. Henry Lindsay and Miss Carrie Hance, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay.

Invitations have been issued for the opening dance at Spa Spring Park on next Monday evening, May 11th.

The Buck Dramatic Club of Summit Bridge gave a minstrel show in Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, and it was much enjoyed by those present.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, was celebrated on Wednesday evening.

Drs. Harry Cleaver and Delmer Smithers and Messrs. Bennett and Groome Steele attended the launching of the new Ericsson Line Steamer at Wilmington on Saturday.

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Tickets on sale daily until June 14th 1903, inclusive at all ticket offices of The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to points in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and British Columbia, at greatly reduced rates.

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SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Mr. John F. Ernest visited Middletown on Tuesday.

These are circus times and the small boy is strictly in it.

"Dewey Park" will be reopened in about two weeks time.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester is entertaining relatives from Wilmington.

The barefooted boy and the straw hat made their appearance this week.

Ex-Judge Thomas J. Shallcross is quite sick at his home near Locust Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mumford, of Galena, visited her parents on Sunday.

Court adjourned at Chestertown on Saturday last until the first week in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained their pastor, Rev. W. T. Litsinger, Sunday.

Quite a number of our wide-awake farmers are shipping some very fine asparagus.

Mr. Jacob Shallcross and Mrs. Thera Shallcross are entertaining Mrs. Sutton, of Locust Grove.

Mr. P. Jones will retire from farming in the near future, and his son, Bayard, will run the farm.

The public schools in Cecil County will not close this year for the summer vacation until about May 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained on Sunday her father, Mr. Smith Burris, of near Kennedyville.

Bishop Leighton Coleman of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware, celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday on Sunday last.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at North East is nearing completion and will be dedicated Sunday, June 14th.

Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Thera Shallcross visited her uncle, Ex-Judge Thomas J. Shallcross and family, of Locust Grove.

Mr. Robert Johnston and sons, accompanied by Mr. John Warren, of Wilmington, visited his wife at Fairlee on Saturday and Sunday.

We are pleased to announce that the receipts from the supper given by the Daughters of America in Stann's Hall last week have increased to \$50.

Andrew Kelly, of Providence, near Elkton, has gone to Hamburg, Germany where he will operate an improved paper making machine for a Philadelphia firm.

The Ericsson Steamboat Company is contemplating the erection of a dancing pavilion on its pier at the Kent County summer resort, Betterton, at a cost of \$2,500.

Mr. Henry Parr our worthy Justice of the Peace of Galena, attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Baltimore last week, representing Kent Lodge, I. O. O. F. While there he attended the banquet given by the Sisters of Rebecca to the Grand Lodge and the representatives.

CECILTON SITTINGS

John Taylor has returned from visiting his son at Baltimore.

Miss Manie Jones attended the Betterton dance on Friday last.

Miss Mattie Cannon is spending this week at the home of S. A. Pierce.

Miss Blanche Padley spent one day last week with Miss Hyllie Boulden.

Mrs. M. E. Clayton and son John, are visiting relatives at Chesapeake City.

Miss Myrtle Templeman spent Sunday with Miss Alyce Dreka, of Sassafras.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jones, of Still Pond, spent a few days with Mrs. Thomas Jones.

Miss Lillie Pierce has been spending a few days with Messrs. Anderson at "Salem Haven."

Invitations are out here for the dance at Spa Springs, at Chesapeake City, May 11th, Monday night.

Miss Mame Pierce has returned home from visiting her cousin, Miss Mary Money, of Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and friend, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Quite a party or all day picnic was held at the fishing shore Wednesday about twenty-five from here attended.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pierce are being entertained by his brother, William Pierce, of Philadelphia, this week.

A slight fire created quite an excitement in town Wednesday, the house of Thomas P. Jones caught fire from the chimney around the eaves, but before any damage was done it was put out.

THE JUVENILE MINSTRELS

The Juvenile Minstrel troupe town Thursday and at the opera house in the evening won their way to the hearts of the audience by their decidedly clever work.

The songs, dances, drills, jokes, etc., were of a high order, rendered by a remarkable excellent company of youthful performers.

Madge Dugan is of course the star of the aggregation. Her work all through the show was good, particularly in the character of "Mick who threw the brick," in the farce.

Marguerite Crouse's solos were freely encored. She has an excellent voice.

Ridie Slack and Edna Frita's work was good and much enjoyed. The company is a splendid one throughout.

Manager Hoffman is in charge of the company.

The performance will be repeated Monday night, May 11th. Admission 10 20 and 30 cents.

Found Pieces of Bank Notes

Pieces of bank notes of denominations running from \$1 to \$20 were picked up at the North street crossing Elkton, Md., by Ben Garrett, Charles Denny, Sheriff McCallister and others on Wednesday morning last. It looked as if a roll of money had been crushed by car wheels. None of the notes were complete and the torn money is not likely to be redeemed.

Spring Fertilizers

Stored in our Warehouses by bag or ton, for Oats, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Corn, Berries, Peach Trees and General Trucking. Send your teams and orders along. Prompt attention.

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We have about 15 of these Beds left, all colors, all sizes, an extra fine bed, and a good value for \$10.00, our special sale price \$8.50, and a spring free of charge. All the springs will be the same size as the bed. Don't miss this sale, you will save money. Come early and make your selection. Will have them ready for inspection on our first floor.

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Of times in the history of a business an opportunity comes to do the unusual when it is least expected. You can readily see how this is—a big mill wants to enlarge and the surplus piece goods is offered at a sharp reduction; that makes a fine opportunity for a store that does its own manufacturing—and we do. Or perhaps a big store bulked seven hundred suits for a special sale—which is exactly what we've done—patterns that won't be duplicated. How insignificant the quantity is, after all, when you remember that probably twenty thousand other suits are on sale in the same store.

We won't make money on these seven hundred suits; they will go out quickly.

**\$18 Suits for \$13.50 \$13.50 Suits for \$10
\$15 Suits for \$11.50 \$10.00 Suits for \$7.50**

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The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as follows:
North-bound—7:30, 7:50, 8:30 and 10:27 a. m.;
South-bound—12:40, 1:31, 2:31 and 3:40 a. m.;
2:26, 4:14 and 7:59 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m.,
5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8:10 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—9:30 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 5:00 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Seaford and Salem—
9:40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 9, 1903.

Local News.

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FOR SALE.—125 bushels of Seed Potatoes. Fine quality, 80 cents per bushel at

The Children's Day exercises in Forest Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday evening, June 7th.

Painters and paper hangers are in great demand in Middletown, and the contracting painters are all short of help.

Pure Bred Plymouth Rock Eggs for sale at 50 cents per setting of 15 eggs. Apply to

Bring your job printing to THE TRANSCRIPT office if you want quick service and neat work at live and live prices.

The colored baseball club of Elkton, Md., was defeated by the colored club of this town on Tuesday by the score of 16 to 12.

On account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Leatherberry, E. S. Jones' barber shop is closed, but will be open after three o'clock this afternoon.

Bishop Coleman will preach and administer Confirmation at St. Anne's Church to-morrow evening. Service at 7:30. All cordially invited.

100,000 Sweet Potato Plants now ready to pull, at \$1.50 per 1,000. Apply to

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

Mr. J. B. Messick is making arrangements to have a cement pavement placed around his beautiful dwelling on South Broad street, which will add much to the appearance of his property.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, will preach to-morrow morning to the Knights of Pythias. All are cordially invited. In the evening his subject will be "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee."

Undeclared Letters.—The following list of letters remain undeclared in the post office for the week ending April 30th: Mrs. Lissie Harish, Mrs. Ellen Jenkins, Mrs. Lucinda Jenkins, Charlie Harris, John Lockerman, E. G. Maytum (dead letter).

Mrs. Bessie Vaughan has had the old picket fence in front and on the east side of her residence on West Main Street removed, and will replace it with a new stone curbing, which will be a decided improvement to her property.

Workmen are engaged in making extensive improvements to the interior of the Citizens National Bank on South Broad street, and when the work is completed the banking room will be one of the handsomest on the Peninsula.

Announcement has been made that there will be no assessment in the A. O. U. W. in this jurisdiction for May.

There were two deaths during April, James C. Shuman and Dr. Leonard Kittinger, but the benefits will be paid from the surplus fund.

In our last issue we made mention of some large wheat left at our office. The wheat was left here by Mr. R. W. Cochran, but in setting the type our "Printer's devil" substituted the word "Rev." for Mr. We are sorry the mistake occurred, and offer the above as a correction.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Obedience to Our King." John 15:10, 1 John 3:22. Leader, Miss Sallie J. Higgins.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Epworth League will be celebrated at Bethel M. E. Church on Sunday, May 10th, at 7:45 P. M. One of the interesting features of the evening will be an address by Prof. Hugh Caldwell, of the Chesapeake City High School. All are invited.

The young friends of Miss Jeanne Moten tendered her a pleasant surprise last Friday evening. The evening was spent most pleasantly by the participants in games and other amusements, and at a late hour the guests were invited to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow is: "What does the story of Zacheus teach us?" Luke 19:1-10. Leader, Miss Helen Naudain.

Owing to the illness of my wife I have decided to discontinue the grocery business on East Main street, and offer my entire stock of groceries and fixtures at private sale. The store is also for rent, with or without the dwelling. Possession given immediately. Apply to

A. R. Reed.

While engaged in repairing the shed roof of the house occupied by Mr. L. V. Kirk on North Broad street Tuesday afternoon, Mr. L. B. Lee met with a very painful accident. In some manner he missed his footing and fell to the ground, and although the distance was only about seven feet, Mr. Lee was quite painfully injured. Dr. C. A. Ritchie was summoned and after an examination found no bones broken, and he is informed the unfortunate man is somewhat better to-day, although still confined to his bed.

The Philadelphia dailies have notified our newscasters that after May 10th no sold papers will be returnable. In order to protect themselves from loss the newscasters of our town will only supply papers to subscribers and it will be necessary for persons who wish papers to order them in advance. This also applies to the Sunday papers.

The assessment list for the town of Middletown for the year 1903 is now hanging up in the Middletown Hotel, where it will remain until the 26th day of May. On that day the Town Council will sit as a court of appeals at the council room on South Broad street, and all appeals must be made on that day; otherwise they will not be considered.

Messrs. Cook & Brady have a large force of men engaged in removing the old creamery building on East Main street. The lumber will be removed to the "Middletown Farms" Creamery, where it will be used to enlarge that building. Messrs. Cook & Brady are progressive business men, and are always on the alert to increase their already large business.

The statement that the County Commissioners for Cecil county, Md., have decided to gravel a number of the most important public highways in the county, and in order to raise sufficient money will make a special levy, will be gratifyingly received. Road improvement is today one of the chief problems of the country. The demand is universal for better highways, no matter whether from special levy or otherwise.

Mrs. Mary L. Cox met with quite a painful accident while attending the W. C. T. U. Convention in Wilmington on Thursday of last week. While at luncheon one of the delegates accidentally upset a cup of boiling hot coffee, the contents falling upon Mrs. Cox's shoulder and arm, scalding them very badly. Mrs. Cox has been confined to her bed all this week, and it is feared she will be compelled to remain in her room for several days.

The following gentlemen have been elected to serve on the vestry of St. Anne's Episcopal Church for the ensuing year: Wardens, Merritt N. Willis and Jefferson B. Ford; Vestrymen, Stephen Boyer, A. M. Chamberlain, W. G. Lockwood, George V. Peverly, Frederick Brady, William D. Bradford and J. Gaylord Bragdon. A beautiful brass altar-bason was presented to the parish on Easter Day in memory of Mrs. George G. Chamberlain. The offering amounted to over one hundred dollars.

The editor is indebted to Mr. Robert A. Cochran of "Mt. Airy Farm," for a fine bunch of "Palmetto" asparagus which was left at our office on Friday. Although the bunch is much larger than those usually seen in the local market it contains only 14 stalks, some of which are very large. Mr. Cochran has the reputation of shipping the finest grass grown in this State, and he always realizes the best of prices. At the present time he is only shipping from three to four crates per day, but when the season is further advanced his shipments will be quite heavy.

There is a possibility of a halt in the construction of the Middletown and Odessa trolley road, and the Italians that were to start grading for the road bed on Monday next will in all probability not arrive. The Town Commissioners of our town asked the Tennesse Construction Company for a bond of \$1,000 for the protection of our streets, and while it is hoped the small matter may soon be adjusted, things are somewhat muddled at the present time. Mr. W. R. Polk who is working in the interest of the above named company, informs us he is expecting the ties for the road daily, and hopes to be able to overcome the little difficulty in a short while.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. KATHERINE LEATHERBERRY

The sudden death of Mrs. Annie Katherine Leatherberry Thursday morning was a great shock to her numerous friends in this town, and when the sad news was first made known it could hardly be credited, as Mrs. Leatherberry had been improving in health so rapidly during the past few weeks, and only Wednesday night attended the festival in the Opera House. During the past few months she had been in poor health, and Thursday morning while out in the yard was taken with a hemorrhage, and died in a few minutes.

Mrs. Leatherberry was the widow of the late William Leatherberry, and was 27 years old, and made her home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jones, and was a consistent member of Bethesda M. E. Church.

The funeral services will take place from the residence of her parents on Lake street this afternoon at two o'clock; interment being made in Forest Cemetery.

A WELCOME VISITOR

The first show of the season will visit Middletown on Thursday, May 14th.

Surely this item of news will please the young folks, the children and the older ones also. The Sun Bros' World's Progressive Show is one that has a standing record for presenting a good performance in one big ring, in the good old style. Sun Bros. run their show strictly on business and moral principles. Nothing is permitted to appear that will mar the pleasure of the skeptically inclined. Neither are the usual army of fakirs (often seen following in the wake of shows) allowed to follow this organization. The long standing reputation of the Sun Bros. throughout America, and the Dominion of Canada shall not be jeopardized by allowing any cheaply paid actors to be connected with their show. Fifty great celebrated artists will appear at every performance. Fully two hours and one-half of enjoyment is afforded. Let all attend. Afternoons at 2 o'clock. Evenings at 8 o'clock.

Claim Against Estate

Claims against the estate of the late John T. Wilson, of Elkton, were heard in the Orphans Court on Thursday. Delaware Rothwell, Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Laura V. Wilson filed claims for \$754.14, \$300 and \$780 respectively. Judgment was reserved in all three cases. At a special session of the Court held Tuesday, the claims of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Lindsay were both allowed. Mr. Rothwell's claim must be passed upon by the Delaware Courts before final action is had here.

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PERSONALITIES

Mr. John Byron spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Emma Burchard spent Sunday in Townsend.

Mrs. Andrew E. Hotten spent Sunday with her daughter in Smyrna.

Mrs. Lillie Downey was the guest of friends in Townsend on Sunday.

Mr. Charles Tompkins spent Sunday with his father in Millington, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Steele were Philadelphia visitors during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Massey returned from their wedding tour on Thursday.

Miss Edith Hudson, of Massey, Md., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stanger.

Mrs. J. E. Ginn and Miss Edith Alice spent Sunday with friends in Townsend.

Mrs. Levi G. Sterner, of Camden, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Miss Laura Petticoat, of Wilmington, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

Mrs. Virginia Massey, of Wilmington, is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Massey.

Miss Margaret Boesten has returned from Atlantic City, where she spent several weeks.

Messrs. Earl Goldsborough and Walter Crumpton are spending several days in Wilmington.

Mr. Leon DeValinger, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. H. C. DeValinger.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, of the State Hospital, is home attending the funeral of her aunt.

Mrs. W. B. Biggs and sister, Miss Daisy Naudain, spent Tuesday in the Quaker City.

Mrs. Carl Harrington, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran.

Miss Sybilla Jones, of Cambridge, Md., was called home Thursday by the sudden death of her sister.

Mr. Harry Moore and son Stanley, of Elkton, Md., visited friends in town several days last week.

Mr. John M. Naudain and family, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with Mrs. S. E. Houston.

Mrs. Leslie Wolf, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. John Byron and family on North Broad street.

Mr. Maurice Burstan, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan Sunday.

Mrs. William Barnard, of Perryville, Md., spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Ira Owens.

Dr. Victor G. Messick, of Smyrna, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick, on Thursday.

Mr. Wallace M. Hotten has accepted a position in Roanoke, Va., and entered upon his new duties on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry P. Shapley and little daughter, Helen, of Smyrna, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hotten.

Mr. William Hall has been quite sick at his home in Philadelphia, Pa., but we are glad to state he is now convalescing.

Miss Fannie Whitesell, of Wilmington, spent several days the past week with her sister, Mrs. George Minner, on East Main street.

Mrs. Mary Whitaker and Miss Essie Hall, of Principio Furnace, Md., spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Mary A. Hall at the Presbyterian Manse.

CHESAPEAKE CITY ELECTION

The annual municipal election at Chesapeake City Monday afternoon, brought out an unprecedented vote and resulted in the re-election of the present board of commissioners, composed of Frank Benson, George Peterson, Charles K. Houck, Charles Schaffer and George P. West. N. A. Van Buskirk was re-elected Town Bailiff, having a majority of 110 over his opponent, Frank Heavels.

The vote of the successful ticket was as follows: Frank Benson, 129; George Peterson, 133; George H. Houck, 165; Charles Schaffer, 137; Charles P. West, 120. The defeated ticket was George S. Wooley, 42; John M. Brown, 50; Bryan Bouchelle, 46; Dr. William C. Kanner, 48; For Bailiff: N. A. Van Buskirk, 141; Frank Heavels, 31.

JOHN BUYS ATLANTIC HOTEL

Arthur D. Johns has bought the Atlantic House at Rehoboth, and will run it this season under his own personal supervision. He has been connected with the Rodney House for the last eight years. He is well known to the traveling public and there is no doubt but that he will give great satisfaction to all those who patronize him. He will be glad to see all his old friends and the public generally. Give him a call. Leave P.O. Box 100. Mr. Johns has many friends in this section who will be glad to see him succeed.

DR. BLACK RE-ELECTED

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farmhurst Thursday morning, Dr. John J. Black was re-elected president and treasurer, and Dr. J. H. Wilson, of Dover, secretary. Dr. Black reappointed all the old committee. The following contracts for supplies were awarded: J. H. Matthews, veal and mutton; John T. Devine, beef; George Huber, bread; William E. Frank, groceries; William B. Sharp, dry goods; Wright & Davidson, men's clothing, shoes and slippers, and I. Lewis Rowe, crockery.

Trustees of Farmhurst

Governor Hunn has appointed Dr. John J. Black of New Castle county, Dr. J. H. Wilson of Kent and H. White Baker of Sussex, trustees of the Delaware State Hospital at Farmhurst. He also appointed Dr. Alexander Lowber of New Castle county, Dr. C. W. Clifton of Kent and Dr. Andrew J. Fleetwood of Sussex, members of the State Board of Health.

County Tax Collections

County tax collectors have reported the following receipts for April: Brandywine, \$291; Christiansburg, \$215.16; Mill Creek, \$261.14; New Castle, \$458; Red Lion, \$145.95; Pocomoke, \$212.28; St. Georges, \$613.57; Appoquinimink, \$176.24; Blackbird, \$145.53. Wilmington, 1900, \$646.52; 1901, \$2,908.57; 1902, \$5,719.25.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Charles Rommel was entertained at the manse on Sunday.

Fred Ellison, of Wilmington, visited friends here on Tuesday.

John Moore, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. E. H. Collins and Mrs. D. C. Wolf are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Edward Sparks and wife, of Middletown, spent Sunday with relatives here.

H. C. Backson, our enterprising merchant, is on a business trip to Baltimore, Md.

Rev. E. H. Collins and wife, of Bethel, Md., were guests of friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shoule entertained Henry Kronemier and wife, of Odessa, on Friday.

John Moore and family entertained William Sparks and wife, of State Road, on Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Hoopes and Miss Ida Wright have returned from a visit to Wilmington.

Harry Gray, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, M. J. Gray and wife, over Sunday.

Mrs. John Jester spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. John McGarity, at Summit Bridge.

Mrs. H. C. Backson and Mrs. F. Hildebrand have returned from a shopping expedition in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary Gorman who has been spending two weeks with relatives in Salem, N. J., returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Anna Moore has returned to Wilmington after spending a ten day's vacation with her parents, John Moore and wife.

H. C. Backson and wife and Joseph Pritchard and wife spent Sunday at Townsend and attended the dedication of the new Methodist Church at that place.

The "Bake" given by the ladies of the M. E. Church at the residence of H. C. Gray on Saturday was a great success financially, and they are now making arrangements for a "sale of the old and new" in the near future.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Corn planting and house-cleaning are the order.

Miss Myrtle Stradley spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. Joseph Sullivan was the guest of his brother, Michael, last Thursday.

Mr. John Bolton and wife were the guests of Mr. William Price last Sunday.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkle is entertaining Miss Ala B. Jones, of the Quaker City.

The stewards of the M. P. Church met at the parsonage last Saturday evening.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. J. Harry Holden, of Chester, Pa., spent from Saturday until Monday with his parents.

Miss Edna V. Stephens, of Cecilton, spent Saturday in town the guest of Miss B. B. Lofland.

Mrs. William T. Vinyard and son, Jesse, were the guests of Delaware relatives last week.

Mr. John H. M. Garner and wife were entertained at the home of his father in Smyrna last Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Lipscomb and son, Clarence, of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. Alfred Jones last week.

Miss Emma Vinyard, of Cecilton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. Topic: "What does the story of Zacheus teach us?" Luke 19:1-10.

The Mount Olivet Christian Endeavor Society held their monthly business and social meeting at the home of Miss Minnie Smith last Thursday evening. A large crowd was present and a very enjoyable evening spent.

At the reorganization of the Sunday School last Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Prof. Guy Johnson; Assistant, Urie P. Ginn; Secretary, T. C. Lynch; Treasurer, Miss Emma Vinyard; Organist, Miss Minnie Smith; Assistant, Miss Ethel Vinyard.

DELAWARE CITY

Miss Elizabeth Pennington has been quite ill.

Mrs. B. B. Donald, of Newark, was in town Monday.

Mrs. C. Reeves, who has been very ill, is much better.

The Rev. W. J. Hamilton was in New York this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Dover, have been visiting friends here.

One hundred thousand herring were caught in the canal locks Monday.

Miss Ada Pennington, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Janvier.

Mrs. Ida Creed and Miss Edna Creed spent a few days in Philadelphia the past week.

Paul T. Pennington, of Philadelphia, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pennington.

Misses Annie Roberts and Annie Ayres, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts.

Eugene Householder, who was appointed a cadet from Delaware to West Point by Senator Ball, has returned from Fort McHenry, where he passed his physical examination, and is now preparing to enter West Point Academy in June.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Quite a number of our farmers have finished plowing corn.

Miss Beulah Fillingsworth, of Cecilton, is the guest of Miss Minnie Buckworth.

Mr. Charles W. Lake spent Saturday and Sunday with Wilmington friends.

Miss Clara Roxson, of Summit Bridge, is spending this week at the home of Mr. Clayton L. Ellison.

Mr. William Jones, of Kennedysville, is being entertained by his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones spent Sunday as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Katharine Loraine in Chesapeake City.

Misses Effie Berry, of Bohemia Manor, Annie Jones, of Cecilton and Edythe Willis, of Chesapeake City and Messrs. Harry Brady, of Middletown and Lindell Beaton, of Cayote Corner, attended the dance given by the young men of Still Pond in the Chesapeake House, at Betterson, Md., on Friday evening, May 1st.

ODESSA NOTES

Rev. J. M. Arters was a Wilmington visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. A. E. Appleton spent Sunday with friends in Townsend.

Miss M. Eaton, of Port Penn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift.

Quite a number of our people attended the dedication services at Townsend on Sunday.

Miss Lillie Buckson, of Blackbird, is the guest of her brother, Mr. George Buckson.

Mr. James B. Clothier left Monday for Norristown, Pa., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Laura Thompson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. E. S. Stevens part of this week.

Mrs. J. W. Carrow and son, Raynor, visited her parents at Camden, N. J., from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. Edna Cazier Gilmore, of Kirkwood, was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend a few days last week.

Messrs. William H. Eccles and L. V. Asplir, Sr., attended the 23d Encampment of the Department of Delaware, G. A. R., in Wilmington Thursday.

The Sunday School of Drawers Presbyterian Church began practicing for Children's Day last Sunday. Children's Day will be observed the last Sunday in this month.

Cyrus Keen who has been employed in the store of F. B. Watkins resigned his position on Saturday night. He expects to study for the ministry. Mr. Keen's many friends wish him much success.

Appoquinimink Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order Red Men, will attend the morning service at St. Pauls M. E. Church in a body to-morrow, when a special sermon will be preached to them.

The hour for Epworth League service of the M. E. Church has been changed. Hereafter it will begin at 7 o'clock instead of 6:45. Leader for this month, Miss Ethel L. Mully. All are invited to attend.

Moody Stevens who has been employed in the store of Mr. William Brockson in Middletown for sometime past, has accepted a position as clerk in the store of F. B. Watkins, this town, and entered upon his new duties Monday morning.

A business meeting of the Epworth League was held Friday night of last week in the lecture room of the church to elect officers for the ensuing year. Those elected were: President, Rev. J. M. Arters; 1st Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Arters; 2d Vice President, Miss May Enos; 3d Vice President, Miss Ethel L. Mully; 4th Vice President, Miss Martha Townsend; Secretary, Miss Nellie T. Stevens; Treasurer, Miss Mary Gilchrist; Pianist, Miss Lucy Rhodes; Assistant Pianist, Miss Martha Townsend.

G. A. R. MEETING

The Department of Delaware, Grand Army of the Republic, held its annual meeting Thursday in duPont Post headquarters, No. 504 Market street, Wilmington, John C. Garner of Smyrna, the retiring department commander, presided. Twenty of the twenty-two posts in the state were represented, 162 delegates attending. The department is 638 strong, but death is making serious inroads. Thirty-eight members died in the past year and altogether sixty-two old soldiers were buried. Assistant Adjutant-General J. L. Litzenger and other officers made their reports.

The department elected the following officers: Department commander, William G.

AGNES

By ETTA W. PIERCE

AS night already falling, the city clocks had just struck four; yet the room seemed growing dark. She could not see to the opposite window. There was a blur between her and the book of old plays which she held in her lap. All the long, lettered lines mingled indistinguishably together. With a cry, Agnes March started up.

My God! am I growing blind? She pressed her hands to her eyes; she sought to brush away the film which hung between them and outward things. Vain. A great intangible fear, which for weeks had pressed, sleeping and waking, upon her, now took shape and form. With a groan, she fell back in her chair.

Women of Miss March's physique, ever love luxury; but the room wherein she sat was plain and simple—the most noticeable thing in it was the portrait of a man, painted in water-colors, hanging above the chimney-piece. She arose presently, and groped her way over to it. So utterly solitary was this girl's grief that she had fallen unconsciously into the habit of talking to the picture as to a living, sentient thing; it was the confidence of all her secrets, and now, with her hands clinched on the mantel, she looked up at the calm face, limned by herself five years before, and the great terror which of late had come upon her found voice at last.

Papa, she said, I think I must be growing blind. Often I cannot see even your dear face. There is something between us—you and me, papa—a film, a darkness which comes upon my eyes in the brightest noonday. It parts me from you, and this thought makes me more miserable than the knowledge that unless something be done for me at once, I shall never be famous—I shall never even walk the stage at all—I shall be taken to some public institution to pass the rest of my days.

The portrait looked down upon her, grave, bearded, sad. It was her own work, as I have said, painted from memory in those weeks of unspeakable sorrow which followed the news of his death. Miss March went to a closet, and brought forth a mourning hat and shawl.

It is not at all likely that it will do any good, papa, she murmured; but I think I will try; I am sure you wish me to try, do you not? Good-by—good-by till I come back.

She kissed her hand to the senseless portrait, then closed the door of the little room, and descended to the street.

There the fatal blur began to pass from her sight. She saw once more the blue autumn sky between the rows of roofs, the faces of men and women staring after her, some bold, some curious, all admiring. Strangers rarely passed Miss March without turning for a second look. Leaving the quiet, unpretending locality of her home, she set her face toward that part of the city sagged to brownstone fronts, plate glass, and elegant window draperies.

She was strong and vigorous as an Englishwoman, and she walked rapidly, with calm breath and unchanging color. There was no voice in earth or heaven to warn her back. The great events of life steal upon most of us like the thief in the night. Agnes March little knew, as she turned from street to street, and from square to square of the old city where her whole lonely life had been passed, with that smiling autumn sky overhead, and that keen-faced New England crowd coming and going about her, that she was rushing right straight upon an inexorable doom.

Before a stately South End palace, the finest in all the aristocratic street, she stopped at last. Upon its massive black walnut door was a silver plate, with a name engraved thereon. Miss March read it, letter by letter—Eric Brandt, Physician and Surgeon.

This is surely he of whom the whole city talks, she said to herself, then ascended slowly the marble steps and rang the bell. A black servant opened the door to her. She was shown into a waiting-room filled with people, and furnished with great chairs. She sank into the velvet seat, and drew her veil closer over her face.

Many patients were before

her; she must await her turn. Every moment seemed an hour. Men and women went out and others came in.

What can be the matter with all these people? thought Miss March, with angry impatience. How everybody stared at her, yelled though she was! Were they in turn wondering what the handsome girl in mourning could have to do with the famous operator of the city hospitals? The warm air of the place choked and stifled her. To some natures suspense is an unendurable torture; it was such to Miss March. Presently, however, the door opened. The black servant stood on the threshold and beckoned her out. She arose and walked forward into an apartment opening from the elegant waiting-room; a door closed behind her, and she stood alone with Doctor Eric Brandt.

The room itself was a marvel of magnificence. Miss March was an artist, and "good at her art for a woman," 'twas said, and nothing of all the costly blending of color there was lost upon her. She saw at a glance the black Venetian cabinets in the corners, the Old-World paintings glimmering on the walls, the scarlet blaze of bloom pushing against the glass door of a conservatory beyond, the buhl, the velvet, and, last of all, Doctor Brandt himself.

He was standing in a window fronting the street. At sound of her step he turned quickly. The two, man and woman, patient and physician, brought this face to face, stood quite still, and looked at each other.

He saw a woman in mourning, warm and luxurious of mold, formed upon that rich plan which is the admiration of gods and men—a woman with a thick, white, colorless skin, against which her lustrous hair looked preternaturally black, and grandly cut eyes, like an Oriental's.

She saw a man of thirty-five, slight, but muscular. His face was like a marble mask under which a god or a devil might lurk—few could tell which. He had eyes of a light hazel color, lustrous as diamonds. Over his smooth, womanish forehead a mass of pale yellow hair lay without wave or ripple. This was the great surgeon, without pity or sympathy—the man who looked upon the human frame as an ingenious piece of mechanism which it was his pleasure and profit to understand—the man with the hand that never faltered, and the pulse that never quickened, who cared no more for quivering nerves and contracting muscles, for groans of anguish and faces convulsed with pain, than for the dead in the dissecting-room awaiting his scalpel. Miss March threw back her veil; she was the first to speak.

I come, she began, turning a shade paler, to consult you regarding my eyes. I fear—I greatly fear that I am losing my sight. He made a gesture for her to advance to the window. His voice when he spoke was full, sonorous, smooth as oil.

A little nearer the light if you please. When and how did this trouble begin? Be as exact as possible. He put out a white, velvety hand, and drew her close up to him. The light poured strong upon her face. She did not flinch. He looked down into her uplifted eyes. Fiesole and his school used to paint such in the faces of their saints and angels—long and wide, like the typical eye of the ancient Egyptians, with a great abundance of white, and a dark, dilating centre, soft as velvet. Through the round, black opening of the pupil, guarded only by a transparent membrane, Doctor Brandt gazed down, far down, to a silvery white point shining there—the nerve of sight spread out in tiny delicate veins over the tissue of the retina.

Three months ago I first began to study for the stage, she answered, and then proceeded to tell how the blur and darkness had surprised her suddenly at her work; however since, at intervals, they had returned, gaining ground, it seemed, with every attack. He listened, regarding her the while with singular intensity, and with a slight inflammation of his delicate nostrils, the only sign of agitation his face ever expressed.

You are studying for the stage? he said, and his voice was full of keen disapprobation. May I ask

your name and address? She gave both readily. Have you relatives? he said. No. Friends? No; I am alone in the world. She fancied he breathed a little heavily.

There was silence for a space. Well? she cried out, sharply. I can bear anything better than suspense. Let me know the worst.

I do not consider the case incurable, he replied, slowly; but it is one which demands absolute rest for an entire year, at least. Here was a strong, proud face, not easily daunted or dismayed, but it grew a trifle paler at this.

A year! she echoed—a year of rest! That would indeed, be the death of all my chances of fame and fortune.

He turned from her, and stared out into the twilight street.

Your danger is imminent, said Doctor Brandt, and there is no medium course to be pursued in the matter.

She took the consultation fee from her purse. Then, she answered, I have nothing to do but to bid you good-night.

He wheeled around from the window. His tigerish, hazel eyes blazed full in hers.

What do you mean by that? Does it, then, hurt you so sorely to abandon a profession which is damning to all womankind? She colored faintly.

To me the stage means bread, she answered. I am poor. For years I have lived upon a yearly sum sent me by friends of my dead father. I am tired of charity, however kind.

You know me, by reputation, at least, or you would not have sought my advice, he said, slowly; and I know you, by instinct, by intuition—anything you will—but I know you; I seem to have known you always, and I entreat you to listen to me, Miss March; to heed the advice I have given you.

In full retreat across the room she paused and looked back. And is this all? she asked, despairingly.

No, he answered, it is not all; I shall see you again.

She turned the silver knob, and passed out into the waiting-room, still thronged with men and women, and a moment after stood alone on the dark-darkening pavement of the street without.

Homeward! The gaslight began to flare in her tired eyes; she sees them, as through a glass, darkly. The fatal blur falls again between her and outward things. With difficulty she hastens on to the dull old house which sometimes in scorn and sometimes in unspeakable sadness of heart, she calls home. There are shabby genteel boarders there, and a sharp-eyed landlady, but not one of them all ever dares meddle with the ways of that proud, lonely Miss March. She turns aside from the upper room and ascends to her own chamber. She lights a gas-jet then flies to the portrait above the chimney-piece, uplifting to it her pale, intense face, from which the thick hair falls away like a cloud from a star.

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It only a strange, solemn smile, and then put on her hat, and descended a second time to the street. From the shadow of an opposite dwelling a figure stepped forth, and followed in her footsteps as she hastened away; but she did not see it.

The harvest moon was rising in the sky, and the light fell in ghastly streaks along the pavement at her feet. She turned into Cambridge street, and approached the long bridge stretching across the river. She had once lived in this vicinity with her luckless father, before he left her, to mend his ruined fortunes in the gold country of the far west.

Back on her heart rushed the memory of that time; her inconsolable grief at parting; the utter anguish which overwhelmed her at news of his murder. With a shiver, Agnes March drew her shawl closer about her, and hastened on.

The long bridge stretched far into the distance before her. She stepped upon it without pallor or shrinking—without a single backward look. The river rolled black as ink below. Near by some schooners lay at the tranquil wharves; their masts glimmered faintly in the dawn, ghostly moonlight.

She walked straight on to the draw, and there stopped. Clinging with one hand to the railing, she gazed down into the turbid current creeping sluggishly below. Her face was rigid and white with deadly determination. She let her heavy shawl slip like a black cloud from her shoulders down to the planks of the bridge.

Good-by! she said to the pleasant home lights twinkling every where along the river.

At the same moment a step sounded on the draw, and a hand seized her arm in a strong, imperative grasp. She was drawn away from the railing.

Miss March! said a voice.

She turned and looked up into the pale face of the most famous surgeon in the city—Doctor Eric Brandt.

Come away from this place! he said, sternly. What! I thought I saw in your face the soul of a hero. Come instantly! It is only the coward who fears to live.

A red-hot shame leaped into her face, and bowed it forward on her breast. She stood dumb and motionless before him.

Take my arm, and let me conduct you home, said Doctor Brandt. His cold, authoritative tone seemed to sting her into life again. Why do you interfere with me? she cried, regarding in angry amazement the tall figure, and the pale, fiery-eyed face. I am tired of living—let me die!

I interfere with you by the right which any physician has over a patient, he answered. In the sober daylight of to-morrow you will thank me. Now, come with me. We shall be noticed if we stand here longer; some guardian of the night will be turning this way directly.

Let me die! she cried again.

He took her shawl from the draw, and wrapped it carefully about her. His stong, magnetic touch thrilled through her, vaguely.

You do not know what you say. You are ill. Your hands are like fire, he answered, something all most like tenderness softening his voice.

And still she moaned: My life is not worth saving. I tell you I am tired of it. What brought you here to-night to thwart me?

My good angel, I think. Come! For once Miss March felt overwhelmed. Silently, irresistibly, he drew her away, past the black shadow of the jail, past the swarming tenement houses, straight homeward toward the street whose name she had given him a few hours before. She yielded to his dominion readily enough. Her head was in a whirl. The dwellings on either side danced in the moonlight before her eyes. The sound of his firm step mingling with her own on the hollow pavement rang like thunder in her ears. A great numbness and exhaustion held her limbs like an evil spell. She struggled to shake it off, but in vain.

Lean upon me, said the voice of Doctor Brandt; and again, far off, as in a dream, she heard him ask, Have you a key, or shall I ring? Then she saw that they had reached her own door. She withdrew her hand from his arm to search for the key. As she did so something within her seemed suddenly to give way. The face of the surgeon faded from her sight. Without word or sound, she fell forward, and knew no more.

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Peoples National Bank—President, Geo. M. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood, Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph R. Hower; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood, Bank Building on East Main Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.
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